of acute respiratory infection, diarrhoea, malaria, tuberculosis and leprosy reported in 1995, 1996, 1997 and 1998, State-wise, are given in Annexure. *[See* Appendix 188, Annexure No. 27]

(b) According to the Ninth Plan document, the plan priorities include optimising coverage and quality of health care to meet the increasing health care needs of the people, controlling communicable and non-communicable diseases and bringing about a reduction in the population growth rate by enhancing the quality and coverage of family welfare services with special focus on women, children and adolescents. Focussed attention would also be" given to development and enhancement of Indian Systems of Medicine and Homeopathy to widen the scope of health care delivery mechanism.

(c) As per information furnished by Central Statistical Organisation, estimates of total government expenditure (current & capital) on health by Central and State Governments for the years 1993-94 to 1996-97 and percentage share of expenditure on health to GDP (at current market prices) is at Annexure-II. The percentage of expenditure on health and family welfare to total plan outlay for the period 1994-95 to 1998-99 arc also given in Annexure *[See* Appendix 188, Annexure No. 28]

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*184. DR. GOPALRAO VITHALRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMFNT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the World Bank is toying with the idea of sanctioning Rs. 700 crores or more to the Maharashtra Forest Department in view of the commendable work done by the World Bank sponsored Maharashtra Forestry Project in its extension period; and

(b) if so, what are the further developments in the matter so far, as being under active consideration of the Union Government and the World Bank?

THE MINISTER OF STATE INTHE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BABU LAL, MARANDI): (a) and (b) A proposal for funding of Maharashtra Forestry Project Phase II—Natural Forest Management Project, with estimated cost of about Rs. 600 crores, has been forwarded to the World Bank. The World Bank has not decided about funding of the Project.